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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR § 1.53(b))**

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) in the names of inventors:  
**Masayasu Fujio, Nobuhisa Takabayashi, and Masaru Hoshino**

For: **IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD**

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 from 1) Japanese Application No. 2003-095489, filed on March 31, 2003; and 2) Japanese Application No. 2003-095490, filed on March 31, 2003.

Application Elements:

- 44 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract  
 07 Sheets of Drawings (Formal)  
 Pages Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

Accompanying Application Parts:

- Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)  
 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee  
 Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449  
 Copies of IDS Citations  
 Preliminary Amendment  
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 Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)  
 Other:

Claim For Foreign Priority

Priority based on 1) Japanese Application No. 2003-095489, filed on March 31, 2003; and 2) Japanese Application No. 2003-095490, filed on March 31, 2003 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

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